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SUBJECT: ROMANIA OIL IMPORTS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

REF: BUCHAREST 0398

1. ROMANIAN EMBASSY OFFICERS IN MOSCOW HAVE REPEATEDLY TOLD US THAT ROMANIA DOES NOT RPT NOT IMPORT ANY OIL FROM THE SOVIET UNION. MOST RECENTLY, WHEN DISCUSSING RECENT SOVIET/ROMANIAN 1978 TRADE PROTOCOL (REPORTED SEPTTEL), EMBASSY OFFICER WAS TOLD THAT NEW PROTOCOL IS VERY LITTLE AFFECTED BY PRICE INCREASES, SINCE ROMANIA IMPORTED LITTLE IN WAY OF RAW MATERIALS FROM USSR AND SPECIFICALLY SINCE ROMANIA DID NOT IMPORT OIL FROM USSR.
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2. NEVERTHELESS, SAM ROMANIAN EMBOFFS HAVE TOLD US IN PAST THAT ROMANIA DOES REFINE SOVIET CRUDE OIL FOR THE SOVIETS, I.E. SOVIETS EXPORT CRUDE TO ROMANIA, WHERE IT IS REFINED AND THE PRODUCTS ARE SHIPPED BACK TO THE USSR.

3. COMMENT: THIS MAY BE MATTER OF SEMANTICS, BUT

NEITHER LOCAL ROMANIAN EMBASSY NOR SOVIETS CONSIDERS SOVIET
SHIPMENTS OF CRUDE UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT AS EXPORTS.
SOVIET OFFICIAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR 1976 SHOW NO EXPORTS
OF CRUDE TO ROMANIA (WE WONDER WHAT OFFICIAL ROMANIAN TRADE
STATISTICS SHOW ON THIS COUNT?). IT SEEMS PROBABLE TO US
THAT SHIPMENTS MENTIONED REFTEL COME UNDER THIS
ARRANGEMENT AND WE DOUBT THAT THEY WILL SHOW UP THE SOVIET
TRADE STATISTICS FOR 1977 WHEN THESE BECOME AVAILABLE.
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